

(d) if so, the time by which these recommendations are to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Urban Development is primarily the responsibility of the State Govt/ UT Admn. The allocation of funds for Urban Development purpose are made by the State Governments/Union Territory in their annual budgets in consultation with the Union Planning Commission. The Government of India plays mainly a nodal role.

A special grant of Rs. 100 crores was sanctioned in the year 1985 for slum upgradation and housing for the city of Bombay.

The 9th Finance Commission in its recommendation had suggested that a sum of Rs. 50 crores be allotted on matching basis to the Govt. of West Bengal and Maharashtra to tackle the acute problem of slum improvement and housing in the cities of Calcutta and Bombay.

(c) and (d) The recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation to provide greater amount to these four cities has not been accepted.

Industrial Growth Centres in Maharashtra

3346. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to undertake the development of certain areas in Maharashtra as centrally sponsored Industrial Growth Centres;

(b) if so, the areas selected for the purposes ; and

(c) the guidelines followed in the selection process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). Under the Growth Centre Scheme, five growth centres are proposed to be set up in Maharashtra, one each in the districts of Akola, Chandrapur, Dhule, Nanded and Ratnagiri. The scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

The criteria followed for selection of Growth Centres under the scheme are, locations away from cities, proximity to District/ Sub-Divisional headquarters and access to basic infrastructural facilities like National/ State Highways, Railheads, Power, Water Supply Telecommunication, Health and Educational institution.

Committee on Preparation of Recommendations for Administrative Reforms

3347. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to constitute a committee to prepare recommendations for administrative reforms ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI-MATI. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Assessment of functioning of UPSC

3348. SHRI MUKUL BALLKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans to assess the functioning of the